

COSTA RICAN (TOPS 92)

WASHINGTON (AP)—THE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN STATES TODAY POSTPONED UNTIL WEDNESDAY AT 4 P.M. A REVIEW OF COSTA RICA'S CHARGES THAT NICARAGUA THREATENED COSTA RICA WITH AN ARMED INVASION.

THE DELAY WAS TAKEN AFTER AMBASSADOR GUILLERMO SEVILLA SACASA OF NICARAGUA INSISTED THAT TIME BE ALLOWED TO TRANSMIT THE COSTA RICAN COMPLAINT TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, REPRESENTING THE 21 AMERICAN REPUBLICS, AGREED THAT A DELAY APPEARED DESIRABLE SINCE THEY UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF AN ACTUAL INVASION OF COSTA RICA AT THIS TIME.

THE COUNCIL HAD CALLED A MEETING FIRST FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND THEN FOR TODAY TO CONSIDER COSTA RICA'S APPEAL FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS TO CONSIDER WHAT COSTA RICA TERMED "A GRAVE THREAT TO ITS TERRITORY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE."

AMBASSADOR ANTONIO FACIO OF COSTA RICA IN AN ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL TODAY REPEATED CHARGES THAT NICARAGUA IS MENACING COSTA RICA.

THESE CHARGES WERE DENIED VEHEMENTLY BY AMBASSADOR SEVILLA SACASA WHO CHARGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT JOSE FIGUERES OF COSTA RICA "IS UNDER WIDESPREAD AN HEATED OPPOSITION IN COSTA RICA ITSELF."

THE COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY ITS PRESIDENT JOSE MORA OF URUGUAY AGREED TO HEAR THE CASE WEDNESDAY AND "TAKE THE CORRESPONDING ACTION ONCE IT KNOWS THE POSITION OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS." MEANWHILE, IT URGED "THE HONORABLE GOVERNMENTS OF COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA" TO TAKE SUCH MEASURES AS THEY DEEM PERTINENT "TO AVOID ANY ACT SUSCEPTIBLE OF AGGRAVATING THE PRESENT CONTROVERSY."

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